Trustees OK budget, tuition increase; approve start of DeLaRoche additions

The University’s Board of Trustees has approved a tuition increase of $1,960 for undergraduates, while moving ahead with plans for the first two phases of the expansion of DeLaRoche Hall, the University’s science building.

Under the preliminary 2005-06 operating budget approved by the Trustees, the University’s 2005-06 tuition will be $20,610.

Part-time students will be charged $650 per credit hour, an increase of $40 per credit hour from last year’s fee of $610. Required University fees will stand at $840, a $5 increase for health services costs, with the entire cost for tuition, fees, room and board, on average, at $28,785.

“Our first priority is to provide our students with an excellent academic experience in a Franciscan environment,” said University president Sr. Margaret Carney, O.F.M., S.T.D. “In doing so, we must be fiscally responsible, investing in our programs and the faculty and staff who provide them, as well as in the physical facilities that house our students and offer them arts, recreation and other opportunities.

Fr. Joe Doino, O.F.M.
Honors and Awards

4 p.m. today
Robert R. Jones
Board of Trustees Room

*All are welcome!
Reception to follow

SBU community relations director, husband inoculate children in India

A small girl, perhaps only 2 years old, moved forward and opened her mouth to receive the inoculation that would protect her from polio. Her little mouth was filled with sores.

Mary Vahl, St. Bonaventure’s director of community relations and a member of a Rotary Club service trip to inoculate Indian children, turned to the doctor beside her. “We have to get this little girl to a clinic.”

“No,” he said. “There is no medical care for these children. She’ll either get better or she won’t.” The little girl melted into the crowd, and the inoculations continued.

“It was heartbreaking,” Mary Vahl said. “I guess before this trip I didn’t realize that there are places where there is no medical care available to people.

University student receives scholarship to study abroad in Paris this summer

By Katie Fish

St. Bonaventure University junior philosophy and French major Aubrey Jones of Olean was recently honored as the recipient of the Joseph W. Yedlicka Award, which is given in recognition of superior achievement in the study of the French language and literature.

Jones, along with two other students, was selected out of two dozen applicants nationwide to receive a full scholarship to study in Paris this summer.

“I was very excited to learn I got the scholarship! I was so pleased to learn that I was chosen from among many other students in the nation to have this opportunity to study in Paris,” said Jones.

“I hope that it will help develop my listening, speaking and writing skills, and prepare me for a future in teaching the French language. I have never traveled abroad but I can only imagine that it will make me a more cultured person in general.”

In preparation for her time abroad, Jones is currently taking a French
St. Bonaventure returns from Selma enlightened by historic march

By Jessica Manocchio ’06

At one point we were standing with the Archbishop of Cape Town on one side of us, and the CBS reporter who covered the original march in 1965,” said Dr. Mark Huddle, assistant professor of history.

University students, faculty and staff stood shoulder-to-shoulder with veterans of the civil rights movement during a re-enactment of the “Bloody Sunday” march over the Edmund Pettus Bridge March 7.

Originally, on March 7, 1965, the march took place when around 600 civil rights marchers headed east out of Selma, Ala., with hopes of reaching Montgomery, and more importantly, obtaining voting rights. They got as far as the Edmund Pettus Bridge when state and local lawmen attacked them with billy clubs and tear gas and drove them back into Selma, thus ending the march and coining the term, “Bloody Sunday.”

A group of University students remembered the anniversary, as well as the passing of the Voting Rights Act, by taking a trip to Selma. Student participants included Matthew Cressler, Chris Chapman, Malik Potter, and Benjamin Gregg.

“The first night we heard the Rev. Joseph Lowery of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference preach,” said Huddle. “On Friday morning, we participated in the Children’s Sojourn — hundreds of local schoolchildren who re-enacted the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge.”

Participants also took part in a civil rights strategy session, the annual Hip Hop Inter-Generational Summit featuring Chuck D, Diane Nash and Congresswoman Waters, a mock congressional hearing about the murder of Jimmy Lee Jackson in 1965 and a daylong street fest. Students also visited an exhibit of Spyder Martin’s civil rights photography and attended Sunday services that featured Rep. John Lewis, the Archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa, Jesse Jackson, and members of Congress.

SBU students served as support to the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute (NVRM) staff, who planned the march, documenting oral histories of the participants in the 1965 Selma march, as well as the festivities.

Other trip participants included: Sarah Nies, director of The Warming House, SBU admissions counselor Nakeia Chambers and Fr. Mikael Thangwha.

Jones says she would prefer to experience a family stay.

At the American University of Paris, Jones will study advanced French, focusing on language proficiency as well as culture. She also hopes to experience the tourism as well.

“Of course I would like to visit all the famous monuments and museums, like the Louvre and Versailles, as well as travel about the city to experience its flavor. Fortunately there is a group offered by the AUP that meets once a week to walk in Paris and sightsee. I imagine I will be doing a lot of studying though,” said Jones.

In the future, Jones says that she would like to teach French, and possibly other languages such as Spanish or Latin, to high school students.
SBU seniors head to Philadelphia
soup kitchen for spring break

By Katie Fish

A group of SBU seniors passed up traditional vacation hot spots and spent their spring break at the St. Francis Inn, a soup kitchen in North Philadelphia.

Kelly Zientek, Dan Horan, Melissa Weise and Renee Willey traveled to Philadelphia with Mt. Irenaeus community member Patrick McCarthy to serve guests, pick up food donations, visit a women’s center and spend time with Franciscan volunteers. The group members’ experiences, from serving food to the homeless to forming a sense of community with other volunteers, left a huge impact on them.

“Seeing that it wasn’t a job, but a way of life was the most important part of the trip,” said Willey.

“One of the best things was taking time to sit down and talk to the guests and hear their stories,” said Weise. “It really opened your eyes to something totally different.”

Horan remembers seeing a man sitting by himself at a table, so he sat down to speak with him. “I knew there were dishes to take care of,” said Horan, “but as this guy was talking about trying to get his son into school and his daughter getting killed in a hit-and-run, I realized he was going to go back out on the street and no one was going to care.”

Each day began with a Mass and ended with prayer in a chapel above the kitchen. Guests from the meals regularly joined staff and volunteers from the Inn at the services.

McCarthy, who visited the inn as an SBU student more than 10 years ago, said Mass previously involved only volunteers and friars. “Sharing Mass and the sign of peace the whole week with the guests from the inn was a rewarding time,” he said.

The four volunteers worked at the soup kitchen as part of Franciscan Volunteer Ministries (FVM), which gives people the chance to serve as a volunteer for a year or more in Wilmington, Del., and Philadelphia. Willey and Weise have already applied to join the FVM this summer, so they valued learning how this year’s volunteers lived.

Sorokes receives Woman of Promise Award

The University’s Jandoli School of Journalism and Mass Communication has named Megan Sorokes as the recipient of its 2005 Dr. Mary A. Hamilton Woman of Promise Award, presented to a senior who excels in and out of the classroom and sets a good example for her peers.

Sorokes, an Olean resident who graduated in December 2004, was presented the award March 16 with Jacque Walker, anchor for WIVB-Channel 4 Buffalo, as keynote speaker.

“She represents everything we hold as our highest ideals,” says dean Lee Coppola. “She’s hard-working, talented and dependable, and she has a deep sense of compassion for others.”

Sorokes was on the dean’s list for each of her seven semesters and she is a member of Phi Eta Sigma and Kappa Tau Alpha honor societies.

Outside of the classroom, one of Sorokes’ biggest achievements came while working as a marketing assistant for Southern Tier Health Care Systems (STHCS) Inc., in Olean. There she created a File of Life public relations campaign, developed as part of her senior capstone project.

Sorokes interned at Dresser-Rand and The Times Herald, and also as a public relations assistant at Olean General Hospital.
University trustee Elena M.P. Bingham, a retired DuPont Co. executive, has been named president of Ursuline Academy in Wilmington, Del., effective July 1. She will be charged with implementing a five-year plan now being finalized by the academy’s board of directors. Bingham has been a member of St. Bonaventure’s Board of Trustees since 1998.

Dr. Adam Brown, assistant professor of education, will present at the upcoming national conference of the American Psychological Association in Los Angeles. The title of his presentation is “Spatial Memory in the Western Lowland Gorilla.” This research comes out data collected at the Buffalo Zoological Gardens with a former research assistant and honors student, Tara Kelly.

Dr. Ted Georgian, professor of biology and environmental science, had two papers published this past fall. One, “Field measurements of particle-capture efficiency and size selection by caddisfly nets and larvae” appeared in the Journal of the North American Benthological Society, a journal devoted primarily to stream ecology. The paper was based on the master’s thesis of Christopher Edler, who obtained a M.S. degree in biology from St. Bonaventure in 1990. The second paper, “Estimating flow and flux of ground-water discharge using water temperature and velocity,” was co-authored with Dr. Matthew Becker of the Department of Geology at the University at Buffalo and two of his students. It was published in the Journal of Hydrology and was based on research done by Georgian during his last sabbatical leave.

Deborah Post, development associate, and Mary Vahl, director of community relations, have been accepted into the 2005 class for Leadership Cattaraugus, an area leadership development organization of which St. Bonaventure is a co-sponsor. The nine-month schedule, which began with a retreat on March 18-19, includes daylong sessions on economic development, education and culture, recreation and tourism, news media, government services, health and medical services, human services and being a board member for a local organization, with graduation slated for December.

Dr. Chris Stanley will serve as chair of a new “Paul and Scripture Seminar” that will meet annually for the next six years as part of the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. The seminar brings together 20 leading scholars to explore a series of methodological questions pertaining to the study of the apostle Paul’s use of Scripture. The seminar is designed to enable scholars to work together on a number of issues that have been broadly neglected by those who work in this area. The papers from the seminar will be published as an aid to others in the field.

Dr. K. R. Sundararajan, professor of theology, will attend the 14th International Society for Chinese Philosophy to be held from July 13-19 in the University of South Wales, Sydney, Australia. Sundararajan will present a paper on “Learning and Teaching—A Comparative Study of the Confucian Analects and the Hindu Upanishads.” This conference is being jointly sponsored by Australian Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy.

St. Bonaventure and its employees received multiple recognitions at the United Way Annual Recognition Dinner on March 17. St. Bonaventure was named the Company of the Year, recognizing a successful in-house campaign that raised 2,000 percent more than the previous year, as well as its business students providing tax preparation help to low-income taxpayers, returning more than $100,000 to needy individuals through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Mary Vahl, director of community relations at SBU and a United Way board member, received the Volunteer of the Year Award for her leadership of the SBU campaign and other initiatives.

Career Center Events

Résumés due by April 4 for Walgreens. *Full-time and internship positions in retail management are available to all majors.

SBU College Central Promo
Noon - 2 p.m.
Wednesday, April 6 & Friday, April 8
RC Lobby
*Receive assistance in opening an SBU online résumé/job searching account.

TRD Workshops
3 - 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 6
RC Room 216
* For accepted candidates only.

Friday Forum

“NCAA academic progress rates legislation and how it affects St. Bonaventure”

presented by David Potter

Noon to 1:30 p.m.
University Club
Lunch $2.50 each

An Hour with the President

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Monday, April 4
Doyle Dining Room

*All hourly employees are invited to share ideas and issues. Any questions, please e-mail jsolan@sbu.edu before the event.